

CLIFTON UPON TEME WI

Clifton upon Teme Women's institute is a vibrant and friendly group of women who meet on the second Tuesday of the month to enjoy a variety of speakers and activities. Meeting in the Village Hall Rowberry room, each meeting concludes with social time to chat over a cup of coffee.

Our WI is part of the Worcester Federation of W.I.'s and there are opportunities to attend events such as craft workshops, quizzes, outings and talks. The W.I was originally set up to educate women in isolated communities and the main aim is still the same, the education of women, be it in the home, the workplace or enjoying retirement. It is a great way of meeting and making friends from all walks of life.

Meetings are in the Clifton Village hall at 7.30pm 2nd Tuesday in the month except August

Elgar Group Meeting

Clifton W.I is one of the eight W.I.'s who form The Elgar Group and in April we hosted the Annual Group Meeting at our village hall. Alana and Alan Cooper entertained everyone with tales of their years of working on cruise ships together with songs and music from around the world.



Supper was provided by Clifton W.I. and the evening was a great opportunity to meet and chat to other local W.I. members.

Visit to Ridge End Farm

In June members visited Ridge End Farm in Wichenford, a large dairy farm

owned and run by Dave Richards. Dave is one of 52 farmers who supply all their milk to Waitrose and as such there are strict guidelines on how he manages his farm.

After seeing the calves fed we had a tour of the farm on a tractor driven trailer with Dave explaining at several points how the cows are managed and cared for. The majority of the cows are housed in large sheds and fed a mixture of silage and maize grown on the farm.



After a thoroughly enjoyable tour we returned to the farmhouse where a superb supper had been prepared for us.



SPEAKERS

During 2018 we have had several guest speakers and some of the topics

covered have been wild orchids and where to find them, how World War 2 affected Worcester and the life of a jester.

In December members tested their taste buds with different drinks starting with two flavoured tonic waters and then several vodka and gin based drinks with different flavourings such as vanilla pods, cranberry and Earl Grey tea as well as two fruit juices to guess. We were also given two biscuits, one with cardamom and one with ginger.

In 2019 we have speakers on Witley Court, Royal Worcester, Asian Cooking and Dogs for Good as well as a Garden Meeting and our Annual lunch.

As well as the above the Worcester Federation of WI's organises a wide range of activities including music, art and crafts as well as outings and holidays.